

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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A device for slowing the movement of a door, drawer or similar movable member,
having releasable locking means.

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A few preferred but non-limitative embodiments of the invention will now be described with reference to the appended drawings, in which:

- Figure 1 is a longitudinally sectioned view of the structure of the door of a tape recorder incorporating a slowing device according to the invention;
- Figure 2 is a longitudinally sectioned view of an embodiment of a slowing device according to the invention;
- Figure 3 is a plan view of a component of the device of Figure 2;
- Figure 4 is a section of the slowing device of Figure 2 taken on the line IV-IV of Figure 3
- Figure 5 is a plan view of another component of the device of Figure 2; and
- Figures 6-14 are plan views illustrating the operation of the slowing device of the invention;
- ~~-Figure 15 is a plan view of a second embodiment of the slowing device of the invention;~~
- ~~-Figure 16 is a longitudinal section of the device of Figure 15, taken on the line XVI-XVI of this drawing;~~
- ~~-Figure 17 is a section of the device of Figure 15, viewed from below and taken on the line XVII-XVII of figure 16;~~
- ~~-Figure 18 is a plan view of a third embodiment of the slowing device of the invention;~~
- ~~-Figure 19 is a longitudinal section of the device of Figure 18, taken on the line XIX-XIX of this drawing;~~
- ~~-Figure 20 is a section of the device of Figure 18, viewed from below and taken on the line XX-XX of Figure 19.~~

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Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 12/13 with the following amended paragraph.

It will be appreciated that, although it has internal latch means, the slowing device according to ~~the first~~ an embodiment of the invention has a structure which is more compact and is simpler to manufacture than the prior art, wherein the axial depth of the casing can be of only a few millimetres, while maintaining the high reliability of the device. In particular, the Applicant has made the portion 73 of the groove 70 with an angular extent of around 10-20° in a device with a diameter of around 1.5cm. In this way, by fitting this device with the rack 6, it is possible to activate the release mechanism with an angular movement of the door of only a few degrees.

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Page 13, replace the second full paragraph with the following amended paragraph.

It is understood that the invention is not limited to the embodiments described and illustrated here, but that the shape and arrangements of parts, construction and operating details can be modified. ~~In the first embodiment, for~~ For example, the arm element could be mounted on the disc portion of the rotor, while the groove could be formed in the base of the chamber itself. Alternatively, it is possible to arrange these latch means between the upper surface of the disc portion and the lower surface of the casing lid, or on both sides of the disc portion.